

August 22, 2003

Frances Kentes

Frances Kentes, 95, of Groton died August 20th at Avera St. Lukes Hospital, Aberdeen. Services will be 10:00 am on Saturday at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Groton. Father David Janes will officiate. Burial will follow in Union Cemetery under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Visitation will be at the funeral chapel from 2-8pm on Friday with a prayer service at 7:30 pm. Visitation continues prior to the services on Saturday.

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She married John Panogin Kentes on October 9, 1930 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The couple made their home in Wisconsin. During the war, she held various jobs serving the war effort. She worked at International Harvester for four years before her and John purchased a dry-cleaning business. They ran the business until 1963, when John retired. Frances then worked at Sears until John passed away in January of 1972. She then returned to Groton.

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Casketbearers will be Eric Ewalt, Jeremy Ewalt, Michael Ewalt, Dr. Thomas Luzier, Mike Nehls and Topper Tastad.

Survivors include two brothers, Clyde "Kelly" Daly of Crooked River Ranch, OR, Melvin O'Day of Bend, OR, one sister, Norma Cramer of Wallowa, OR and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents, husband, one son, three brothers and two sisters.

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